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SUBJECT.

~~A Cutting from The Madras Mail of the 31st Jan, 1934. Containing the~~ Extract from a G.O. of the Madras Govt. in the matter of accepting farewell entertainments.

DEWAN'S MINUTE.

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OFFICERS AND FAREWELL ENTERTAINMENTS

Addresses and Press Reports Banned

GOVERNMENT ORDER

MADRAS, Jan. 31.

The Government of Madras have directed that the following be added as a "local ruling" to the Government Servants' Conduct Rules:

"The Government have no objection to an officer attending a farewell entertainment given to him by his personal friends or by a club of which he is a member; but in accepting an invitation the officer should, if necessary, make it clear that the function must be purely private and on no account take on the character of a public entertainment, that no address should be presented to him and that no report of the proceedings should be published in the public Press.

"The gazetted subordinates of an officer may be allowed to participate in such an entertainment, but no officer of any rank should accept an entertainment from his non-gazetted subordinates."

Over the Tea-Cups

The "local ruling" which constitutes the latest addition to the Government Servants' Conduct Rules is to be welcomed. The fashion of giving entertainments to officers who are about to be transferred from a district and to others who have just arrived has become almost universal. It is a nuisance and it is expensive and meaningless. A farewell entertainment, with the conventional tributes, cannot be said to mark any special appreciation of an officer's services when it is given to all without discrimination. The feeling has now grown up that if such an entertainment is not given, the officer from whom it is withheld, will regard it as a slight, while, on his side, the officer feels that he will give offence by refusing to attend an entertainment to which he has been invited. There is, besides, some justification for the feeling that these functions do not conduce to efficient administration. They are sometimes offered in the hope of favours to come or that past shortcomings will be overlooked. In any case, they are a waste of money when, as so often, they do not spring from a genuine desire to offer hospitality but are given just because it is the thing to do. The tea-party can be an extraordinarily useful as well as pleasant institution. It enables many otherwise difficult contacts to be made, and there can be no doubt that the much-admired communal harmony of which Madras boasts has been helped by the tea-cup. But that is a rather different matter. Functions of that sort seem to be so much enjoyed that if honorific excuses did not arise for them, they would have to be invented. The "farewell entertainment" of a routine character comes into a different category. It is in the general interest that Government should have provided officers with an opportunity to decline them and the public with a reason not to give them.

The Madras Mail 31-1-34

C. Secy.

This is a good rule. We should also follow it.

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C.B.

Memo No. 760 dy 2.2.34

This is practically the same as ours, is it not?

Sd/- 2/2/34

Reference is invited to rule 11 of our Rules which are almost on the same lines. The only difference is re: the 2nd para of the above Madras G.O. which prohibits acceptance of entertainments

Govt. Servants' Conduct Rules memo No 760
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from non-gazetted subordinates. This provision is ~~not~~ a new one and not included in our rules

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